

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of ) FLOURESCENT SILICA-BASED  
                          ) NANOPARTICLES  
Wiesner et al.        )  
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Serial No. 10/536,569 ) Group Art Unit:  
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Filed:     5/26/06    )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application, as follows: